

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 7
SECOND QUARTER 2002
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto,
Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 7 during second quarter 2002 was 220,426, an increase of 0.8% from the first quarter 2002, and a decrease of 3.1% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 12 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 6.0% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, second quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 63. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 7 with 37,089 employees, or 16.8% of total employment. Caddo was the leading parish with 118,706 employees, or 53.9% of total employment.

Total wages increased 3.0% from the first quarter 2002, and increased 0.8% from the same period in 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$533.04. Caddo parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$579.29.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 7 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 7" beginning on page 66.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Bienville	\$ 463.30
Bossier	474.04
Caddo	579.29
Claiborne	479.70
Desoto	556.31
Lincoln	509.79
Natchitoches	450.08
Red River	423.14
Sabine	403.52
Webster	494.98

The number of reporting units in RLMA 7 for second quarter 2002 was 13,659.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

